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SENT DEPARTMENT 2402; REPEATED INFORMATION NIACT BERLIN 517,  
USAREUR HEIDELBERG PRIORITY 382, LONDON, PARIS, MOSCOW UNNUMBERED.

REFERENCE EMBASSY TELEGRAM 2396.

IN FURTHER CONSIDERING COURSE OUTLINED REFERENCE TELEGRAM,  
WE FEAR THAT 'IF WRITTEN STATEMENT' IS HANDED KOTSIUBA AT MEETING  
IN WHICH POLITICAL ADVISERS HAVE ADOPTED FALL-BACK POSITION  
AFTER HAVING JUST TRIED ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL AND BEEN TURNED  
DOWN, IT WILL APPEAR TOO OBVIOUS THAT THEY WENT TO MEETING  
EXPECTING AND FULLY PREPARED TO YIELD TO DEMAND FOR SOVIET  
STAMPING. THIS MIGHT WELL PREJUDICE OUR POSITION IN FUTURE  
DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIETS OVER FURTHER DIFFICULTIES WHICH MAY  
ARISE.

WE WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO PROPOSE URGENTLY TO BRITISH AND  
FRENCH THAT, IF FALL-BACK NECESSARY, PARAPHRASE OF STATEMENT  
BE MADE ORALLY TO KOTSIUBA AT MEETING AND THAT HE BE TOLD  
LETTER STATING THIS POSITION WILL BE SENT LATER.

WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S DECISION ON THIS URGENTLY.

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